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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

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SUBJECT: US PRISONERS

1. I SPOKE WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT 5:45 P.M. MAY 24 EXPRESSING YOUR AND MY UNHAPPINESS AT THE LACK OF MOVEMENT BY FISCALES AND JUDGES ON THE AMERICAN PRISONER CASES AND IN PARTICULAR THE FAILURE TO MEET THE COMMITMENT TO MOVE GOLDMAN TO A CLINIC. THE MINISTER SAID THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED THE TRANSFER OF GOLDMAN TO THE CLINIC AND THAT THE MATTER WAS PENDING ONLY THE PRESENTATION OF A NEW PSYCHIATRIC CERTIFICATE WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED THIS MORNING. HE THUS EXPECTS GOLDMAN'S TRANSFER TO OCCUR AT ANY TIME. HE SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY SUBSECRETARY OF JUSTICE BALLIVIAN HAD TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE CASES AFTER YOUR VISIT HERE. THE MINISTER SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO MY CALL HE WILL SUMMON ALL OF THE JUDGES AND FISCALES TO HIS OFFICE THIS FRIDAY, MAY 27, AND REVIEW EACH CASE IN DETAIL SO AS TO BRING ABOUT LONG-AWAITED ACCELERATION. I SAID THAT YOU PLANNED TO TELEPHONE HIM AND HE ASKED ME TO SUGGEST THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE JUDGES AND FISCALES ON FRIDAY.

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2. AT THIS VERY MOMENT I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE JUDGE HAS AGREED TO TRANSFER GOLDMAN IN RESPONSE TO THE NEW PSYCHIATRIC CERTIFICATE BUT IS DEMANDING TWO PERSONAL GUARANTORS WHO COULD BE IMPRISONED IF GOLDMAN ESCAPES. I AM NOW IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO BREAK THIS PARTICULAR OBSTACLE WHICH IS IMPOSED BY THE JUDGE AND NOT BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

3. I AM ALSO SENDING A NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON
GOLDMAN AND MARRERO AND A LETTER TO THE MINISTER DETAILING
EVERY CASE WHICH COULD BE DECIDED BEFORE THE JUNE 13 RECESS
IF HIS FRIDAY MEETING IS SUCCESSFUL.
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